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For: A LOAD SHARIANG APPARATUS AND A LOAD ESTIMATION METHOD

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted. A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed. No additional fee is required.

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 6, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.